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FOR

THE FEET.

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet.—Ps. cxix. 105.

The entrance of thy words giveth light.

—Ps. cxix. 130.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

By taking heed thereto according to thy word.—Ps. cxix. 9.



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January 1.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.—Eccl. xii. 1.

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.—2 Cor. vi. 2.

Now, in the heat of youthful blood, Remember your Creator, God, Before the years come hastening on When you shall say, My joys are gone.

January 2.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.—Isa. lv. 6.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find.—MATT. vii. 7.

Return and come to God, Cast all your sins away, Seek ye the Saviour's cleansing blood, Repent, believe, obey.

January 3.

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.—Prov. viii. 13.

Fear God.—1 Pet. ii. 17.

If you will turn away from sin In childhood's early day, The Lord will make you pure within, And take your guilt away.

January 4.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.—Ex. xx. 8.

Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.—Mark ii. 28.

Oh, let me be thoughtful and prayerful to-day, And not spend a minute in trifling or play, Remembering these seasons were graciously given

To teach me to seek and prepare me for heaven.

January 5.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.—Prov. xvi. 32.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, . . . be put away from you.— Eph. iv. 31.

> Little children, love each other, Never give another pain; If your brother speak in anger, Answer not in wrath again.

January 6.

Thou God seest me.—Gen. xvi. 13.

All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.—Heb. iv. 13.

Almighty God, thy piercing eye Strikes through the shades of night, And our most secret actions lie All open to thy sight.

January 7.

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love.— JER. XXXI. 3.

God is love.—1 John iv. 16.

God is love; his mercy brightens All the path in which we move; Bliss he grants, and woe he lightens:— God is light, and God is love.

January 8.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Ps. cxix. 105.

Search the Scriptures.—John v. 39.

What is it shows my soul the way To realms of everlasting day, And tells the danger of delay? It is the precious Bible.

January 9.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom.—Isa. xl. 11.

I am the good shepherd.—Jони х. 11.

Lord, wilt thou my Shepherd be? Help me, then, to follow thee: At thy feet myself I cast, Thee to serve while life shall last.

January 10.

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—Prov. i. 10.

Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness.—2 Tim. ii. 22.

But, lest my feeble steps should slide Or wander from thy way, Lord, condescend to be my guide, And I shall never stray.

January 11.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.—Ps. cxviii. 24.

It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.—MATT. xii. 12.

How sweet is the Sabbath to me,— The day my Redeemer arose! 'Tis heaven his beauties to see, 'And in his soft arms to repose.

January 12.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.—Ex. xx. 7.

Swear not at all.—MATT. v. 34.

Set thou a watch, O Lord, And guard our lips from sin; And, lest we ever should offend, Create us pure within.

January 13.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

—Ex. xv. 26.

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.—LUKRIV. 40.

I lay my wants on Jesus,
All fulness dwells with him;
He healeth my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.

January 14.

lt pleased the Lord to bruise him.

—Isa. liii. 10.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—John iii. 16.

One there is above all others
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.

January 15.

Labour not to be rich.—Prov. xxiii. 4.

For the love of money is the root of all evil.—1 TIM. vi. 10.

I would not live to gather gold Which misers round them hoard; For he who trusts in riches here Can never please the Lord.

January 16.

I have been young, and now am old: yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

—Ps. xxxvii. 25.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, . . . and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. vi. 33.

Jesus, take us in thine arms; Suffer us to come to thee; With thy blessing, earthly harms From our path will flee.

January 17.

Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me.—Prov. xxiv. 29.

Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.—MATT. v. 39.

Great God, forgive whenever we Forget thy will and disagree; And grant that each of us may find The sweet delights of being kind.

January 18.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee.—Ps. lxxxiv. 4.

And, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.—Luke iv. 16.

To-day, with pleasure, Christians meet
To pray and hear thy word,
And I would go, with cheerful feet,
To learn thy will, O Lord.

January 19.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness.— Ps. li. 1.

Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.—Luke xviii. 38.

At his feet confess your sin, Seek forgiveness there; For his blood can make you clean, He will hear your prayer.

January 20.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Ex. xx. 12.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.—Ерн. vi. 1.

But those that worship God, and give Their parents honour due, Shall long on earth in comfort live, And live hereafter too.

January 21.

There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. xviii. 24.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.—John xv. 14.

> There is a friend we ought to love More than all friends beside; His name is Jesus, and his love Forever shall abide.

January 22.

This is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.—Jer. xxiii. 6.

Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. i. 21.

There is no name so sweet on earth, No name so sweet in heaven,— The name, before his wondrous birth, To Christ the Saviour given.

January 23.

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Lev. xix. 18.

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour.—Rom. xiii. 10.

Love is the grace that keeps her power In all the realms above:

There faith and hope are known no more, But saints forever love.

January 24.

He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength. Job xxxvii. 6.

He sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.—MATT. v. 45.

The changing seasons he ordains, The early and the latter rains; His fakes of snow, like wool, he sends, And thus the springing corn defends.

January 25.

Hallow my Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.—EZEK. XX. 20.

And they rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.—

LUKE XXIII. 56.

I'll leave my sports to read and pray, And so prepare for heaven: Oh. may I love this blessed day The best of all the seven!

January 26.

He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding.—Prov. xiv. 29.

Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.—James i. 19.

Angry words,—oh, let them never From the tongue unbridled slip! May the heart's best impulse ever Check them ere they soil the lip!

January 27.

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—Ps. l. 15.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.—JAMES v. 13.

The Lord attends when children pray;
A whisper he can hear;
He knows not only what we say,
But what we wish or fear.

January 28.
Thou shalt not kill.—Ex. xx. 13. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him .- 1 John iii. 15.

"Thou shalt not kill."

May God forgive Each angry word and thought! That we at peace with all may live, In love to him be brought.

January 29.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup.-Prov. xxiii. 31.

And be not drunk with wine .-

Ерн. у. 18.

The first little drop of strong drink that is taken [know: Is the first step to ruin, e'en children may

If the first little drop be in earnest forsaken, We'll never be drunkards,-oh, never!oh, no!

January 30.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.—Prov. xxvii. 1.

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow.—James iv. 14.

To-morrow, Lord, is thine, Lodged in thy sovereign hand; And if its sun arise and shine, It shines by thy command.

January 31.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him.—Isa.lv.7.

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—John vi. 37.

Little children, come to Jesus, See him still inviting stand; Hark! he bids you leave destruction, Calls you to the better land.

February 1.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God .- Eccl. v. 1.

My house shall be called the house of prayer .- MATT. xxi. 13.

In the house of my God, in his presence and fear.

When I worship to-day, may it all be sincere! In the school when I learn, may I do it with Ithere. care.

And be grateful to those who watch over me

February 2.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. -Ps. li. 10.

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean .- MATT. viii. 2.

The Lord can change this evil heart, And give a holy mind, And his own heavenly grace impart,

Which those who seek shall find.

February 3.

Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean.——EZEK. XXXVI. 25.

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.—1 John i. 7.

Just as I am,—and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,—
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God. I come!

February 4.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Prov. iv. 23.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.—MATT. xii. 34.

Oh, may my heart, by grace renew'd, Be my Redeemer's throne! And be my stubborn will subdued His government to own!

February 5.

Thou shalt not steal.—Ex. xx. 15. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.—Eph. iv. 28.

I know I should not steal, nor use The smallest thing I see, Which I should never like to lose If it belong'd to me.

February 6.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—Prov. xv. 3.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight.—Heb. iv. 13.

If I could find some cave unknown,
Where human feet had never trod,
Yet there I should not be alone:—
On every side there would be God.

February 7.

A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger.— Prov. xv. 1.

If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man.—James iii. 2.

Kind words can never die:

Heaven gave them birth;

Wing'd with a smile, they fly

All o'er the earth.

February 8.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it.—Isa. lvi. 2.

And when the Sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the

synagogue.—Mark vi. 2.

May we improve our Sabbaths more, And thus for heaven prepare; That we may spend, when life is o'er, An endless Sabbath there.

February 9.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat .-Tsa. lv. 1.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink .- John vii. 37.

This spring with living water flows,

And heavenly joy imparts:
Come, thirsty souls, your wants disclose,
And drink with thankful hearts.

February 10.

And gave them bread from heaven. NEH. ix. 15.

And Jesus said, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.—Jони vi. 35.

Ye wretched, hungry, starving poor, Behold a royal feast!

Where mercy spreads her bounteous store For every humble guest.

February 11.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.—Jer. xxxi. 25.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—MATT. xi. 28.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and mangled by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, You will never come at all.

February 12.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.— Prov. xxviii. 13.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.

—1 John i. 9.

All your sins to Him confessing Who is ready to forgive, Seek the Saviour's richest blessing, On his precious name believe.

February 13.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.—Ex. xx. 16.

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour.—Eph. iv. 25.

Lord, if e'er I dare to speak
Words of falsehood, check my tongue,
Lest I sin against thy laws
By committing what is wrong.

February 14.

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe.—Ps. cxix. 117.

And beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him.—MATT. xiv. 30, 31.

We are thine: do thou defend us; Be the guardian of our way; Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.

February 15.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; ... then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father.

—Isa. lviii. 13, 14.

February 16.

There shall come a Star out of Jacob.—Num. xxiv. 17.

I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.—Rev. xxii. 16.

Hark! hark! to God the chorus breaks From every host, from every gem; But one alone the Saviour speaks,— It is the Star of Bethlehem. February 17.

Large I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.—Prov. viii. 17.

He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.—John xiv. 21.

Early let'us seek thy favour,
Early let us do thy will;
Holy Lord, our only Saviour,
With thy grace our bosoms fill.
February 18.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.—Isa. liii. 3.

... Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. viii. 9.

He came to earth from heaven,
To weep and bleed and die,
That we might be forgiven
And raised to God on high.

February 19.

So he was their Saviour.—Isa. lxiii. 8.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Tim. i. 15.

Jesus, tender Saviour, Hast thou died for me? Make me very thankful In my heart to thee.

February 20.

He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter.—Isa, liii. 7.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.— JOHN i. 29.

How loving is Jesus, who came from the sky, In tenderest pitr, for sinners to die! His hands and his feet were nail'd to the tree, And all this he suffer'd for you and for me.

February 21.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.—Ex. xx. 17.

Take heed, and beware of covet-

ousness.—Luke xii. 15.

"Thou shalt not covet," God has said; But be content with what He, in his sovereign will, has made

He, in his sovereign will, has made The portion of thy lot.

February 22.

We will go into his tabernacles:
we will worship at his footstool.—
Ps. exxxii. 7.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.—LUKE xi. 28.

Come, worship at his throne; Come, bow before the Lord; We are his work, and not our own, He form'd us by his word.

February 23.

In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.—Ps. exx. 1.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom. x. 13.

The Spirit says, "Come!" his gentle voice hear;

To-day pray for pardon, while Jesus is near: Come and welcome to Jesus while he is so near.

February 24.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.—Ps. exix. 18.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.—LUKE XXIV. 45.

Oh, let thy word instruct my heart, And guide me all my days! Its wonders, Lord, to me impart, And thou shalt have the praise.

February 25.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.—Ps. cxix. 11.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.—Col. iii. 16.

How shall the young secure their hearts And guard their lives from sin? Thy word the choicest rules imparts

To keep the conscience clean. February 26.

If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.—Prov. xxv. 21.

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him: if he thirst, give him drink.

feed him; if he thirst, give him drink. —Roм. xii. 20.

And when his foes assail'd him, He sought but to forgive; [that we might live: When to the cross they nail'd him, He died This bright example shows us What duties to

fulfil, [will! Oh, may it now arouse us To learn and do his

February 27.

A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.—Prov. xviii. 19.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace.— Rom. xiv. 19.

Be kind to each other:
The night's coming on,
When friend and when brother
Perchance may be gone.

February 28.

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love.—Prov. xvii. 9.

Charity shall cover the multitude of sins.—1 Pet. iv. 8.

Little deeds of kindness, Little words of love, Make our earth an Eden Like to that above. February 29. Leap-Year. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed.—Lam. iii. 22.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.—2 Per. iii. 9.

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, His mercies bear in mind; Forget not all His benefits Who is to thee so kind.

March 1.

Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.—Ps. xciii. 5.
The temple of God is holy.—1 Cor. iii. 17.

As we meet, thy name to praise, Let us feel thy prosence near; May thy glory meet our eyes While we in thy house appear: Here afford us, Lord, a taste Of our everlasting feast.

March 2.

Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.—Prov. iv. 14.

Destruction and misery are in their ways.—Rom. iii. 16.

Many voices seem to say,
"Hither, children, here's the way;
Ah, but whither would ye lead?
Is it happiness indeed?
Or a little shining show,
Leading down to death and woe?

March 3.
The path of the just is as the shin-

ing light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—Prov. iv. 18.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.—Matr. v. 16.

The ways of truth are ways of bliss, And all her paths are happiness: Then, weary souls, your sighs give o'er,— We're going home, to die no more.

March 4.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.—Eccl. ix. 10.

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.—Rom. xii. 11.

Let me improve the hours I have, Before the day of grace is fied: There's no repentance in the grave, Nor pardon offer'd to the dead.

March 5.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich.—Prov. x. 22.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.—Rev. xxii. 14.

Jesus, take us in thine arms; Suffer that we come to thee; With thy blessing, earthly harms From our path will flee.

March 6.

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.—Prov. x. 12. Charity suffereth long, and is kind.—I Con. xiii. 4.

All the fairest, the fondest, the purest that met. [get: Ever still found the need to forgive and for-Then, oh, though the hopes that we nourish'd decay.

Let us love one another as long as we may!

March 7.

Who is able to stand before envy?
—Prov. xxvii. 4.

Charity envieth not. -1 Cor.

"Thou shalt not covet."

Each desire

For what another holds,
Is adding fuel to the fire

Of envy in our souls.

Warch 8.

In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day.

—Ex. xx. 11.

And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.—Heb. iv. 4.

Oh, welcome the day,—
The Sabbath day returning!
Sweet day of rest!—we love it best:
Oh, welcome the day!

March 9.

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.—Prov. xii. 28.

Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John xi. 26.

There is a path that leads to God, All others go astray; Narrow but pleasant is the road, And Christians love the way.

March 10.

He giveth his beloved sleep.—Ps. exxvii. 2.

After that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth.—John xi.11.

Asleep in Jesus!—blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep,— A calm and undisturb'd repose, Unbroken by the last of foes.

March 11.

Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.—Job xix. 26.

The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth.—
JOHN v. 28, 29.

Blest Saviour, grant it by thy grace,— Be thou my only hiding-place In this the accepted day:

And, when the accepted day,

And, when the archangel's trump shall sound,

Let me among thy saints be found,

And see thy smiling face.

March 12.

The judgment was set, and the books were opened.—Dan. vii. 10.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened.—Rev. xx. 12.

How careful, then, I ought to live!— With what religious fear!— Who such a strict account must give For all my conduct here!

March 13.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

—Dan. vii. 2.

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.—MATT.xxv.46.

Show me the way to shun Thy dreadful wrath severe.

That, when thou comest on thy throne, I may with joy appear.

March 14.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

—Dan. xii. 3.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.—Matt. xiii. 43.

But to those who have confess'd,
Loved and served their Lord below,
He will say, "Come near, ye bless'd,"
See the kingdom I bestow:
You forever

Shall my love and glory know.

March 15.

The Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.—Isa. xxv. 8.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—Rev. xxi. 4.

Oh, we love to come to our Sabbath-home, And learn of our teachers dear, Who point us with love to our home above.

And the joys that await us there.

March 16.

Thy people also shall be all righteous.—Isa. lx. 21.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie.—Rev. xxi. 27.

In that bright land no sin is found, But all are happy there; And youthful voices there shall join

With the angelic choir.

March 17.

Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty.—Isa. xxxiii. 17.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—MATT. v. 8.

On earth they sought the Saviour's grace, On earth they loved his name; So now they see his blessed face And stand before the Lamb,— Singing, Glory, glory,

Glory be to God on high.

March 18.

If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.—Ps. lxii. 10.

Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!—MARK x. 24.

If I am rich, He'll guard my heart Temptation to withstand, And make me willing to impart The bounties of his hand.

March 19.

Is any thing too hard for the Lord?—Gen. xviii. 14.

With God all things are possible.

MARK x. 27.

My times are in thy hand: Why should I doubt or fear? My Father's love will never cause His child a needless tear.

March 20.

And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me and live.—Ex. xxxiii. 20.

No man hath seen God at any time.—John i. 18.

When I sleep and when I wake, When my daily walks I take, Though my eyes no God can see, Still he ever looks at me.

March 21.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness.—Ps. xvii. 15.

And they shall see his face.— REV. xxii. 4.

Oh, how happy we shall be!
For our Saviour we shall see
Exalted on his throne.
Oh, that will be joyful
When we meet to part no more!

March 22.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.—Ps. xxvii. 4.

The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.—Rev. xxi. 22.

Happy day! happy day!
Here in thy courts we'll gladly stay,
And at thy footstool humbly pray
That thou wouldst take our sins away.

____ Happy day! happy day!

When Christ shall wash our sins away.

March 23.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.—Ps. xcii. 1.

Be ye thankful.—Con. iii. 15.

Thanks to our heavenly Father, Though angels tune his praise, He will permit his children Their humble song to raise.

March 24.

Whose curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.—Prov. xx. 20.

Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise.—Eph. vi. 2.

Teach us for our friends to pray, And our parents to obey; Richest blessings from above Give them for their tender love.

March 25.

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.—Prov. xix. 11.

Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.—Cor. iii. 13.

When, for some little insult given, My angry passions rise, I'll think how Jesus came from heaven And bore his injuries.

March 26.

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.—Prov. xix. 17.

God loveth a cheerful giver .-

2 Cor. ix. 7.

I want to be like Jesus, Engaged in doing good; So that of me it may be said, "She hath done what she could."

March 27.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.—Prov. xx. 11.

Ye shall know them by their fruits.—Matt. vii. 16.

The lambs of Jesus,—who are they But children that believe and pray, That keep God's laws and ask his grace, And seek a heavenly dwelling-place?

March 28.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him.—EZRA viii. 22.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Rom. viii. 28.

He'll lead you in the pleasant way Of holiness and peace,

And guide you thus to endless day, Where sin and sorrow cease.

March 29. Sunday.

Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day.— Jer. xvii. 21.

They came to Antioch..., and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.—Acr's xiii. 14.

To-day we lay our toils aside, Our studies and our play; Far better things doth God provide For this, his holy day.

March 30.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.—Ps. xxxiv. 13.

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.—1 Pet. iii. 10.

Grant us, Lord, from day to day, Strength to watch and grace to pray; May our lips, from sin kept free, Love to speak and sing of thee.

March 31.

Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is.—Ps. xxxix. 4.

The end of all things is at hand.

Thanks for mercies past receive, Pardon of our sins renew; Teach us henceforth how to live With eternity in view.

April 1.

When he dieth, he shall carry nothing away.—Ps. xlix. 17.

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.—1 Tim. vi. 7.

We are but young; yet we must die; Perhaps our latter end is nigh: Lord, may we early seek thy grace And find in Christ a hiding-place.

April 2.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.—Ps. ix. 9.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—Heb. iv. 16.

Whatever trouble I am in,
To thee for help I'll call;
But keep me, more than all, from sin,
For that's the worst of all.

April 3.

His mercy endureth forever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 1.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.—Luke vi. 36.

With grateful praise we will proclaim The mercies of our God, And sing the glories of His name Who bought us with his blood.

April 4.

Unto thee have I cried, O Lord.— Ps. lxxxviii. 13.

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.—Luke vi. 12.

My Father, when I come to thee, I would not only bend the knee, But with my spirit seek thy face, With my whole heart desire thy grace.

April 5.

The seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation: ye shall do no work therein.—Lev. xxiii. 3.

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them.—Acts xx. 7.

Once more we keep the sacred day That saw the Saviour rise;

Once more we tune our thankful song To Him that rules the skies.

April 6.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.— Num. vi. 26.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always.—2 Thess. iii. 16.

Unmingled joys are thine to give, And undecaying peace; For thou canst teach us so to live

That life shall never cease.

April 7.

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.—Isa. lvii. 21.

The way of peace have they not known.—Rom. iii. 17.

I was troubled with my burden,

Hard it was to bear;

Rest I sought, but could not find it, Peace I could not share, Till I sought and found my Saviour:

Now he's dear to me;

And, as others loved and praised him, So it is with me.

April 8.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.—Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.—1 TIM. ii. 4. To-day the Saviour calls: Yo wanderers, come! O yo benighted souls, Why longer roam?

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April 9.

Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?—Ezek. xxxiii. 11.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.—Luke v. 32.

Oh, say not, "I will yet delay To seek God's offer'd grace;" When Jesus, with a voice of love, Says now, "Seek thou my face."

April 10.

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep.—Prov. xix. 15.

Be not slothful.—HEB. vi. 12.

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run; Shake off dull sloth, and early rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.

April 11.

An idle soul shall suffer hunger.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all.—2 Thess. iii. 11.

In works of labour or of skill I would be busy too; For Satan finds some mischief still For idle hands to do.

April 12. Sunday.

And they shall come, ... bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the Lord.—Jer. xvii. 26.

Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, . . . giving thanks to his name.—Heb. xiii. 15.

To thy temple I repair: May I love to worship there! While thy glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue.

April 13.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.—Isa. liii. 4,

Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.—Heb. ix. 28.

Before he left this world of woe, On Calvary he died; His blood for us did freely flow Forth from his wounded side.

April 14.

I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.—Ps. xxxix. 12.

They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.—Heb. xi. 13.

I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger, I can tarry, I can tarry but a night.

April 15.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

—Ezek. xviii. 4.

The wages of sin is death.—Rom. vi. 23.

Child of sin and sorrow, why wilt thou die?

Come while thou canst borrow help from on high:

Grieve not that love Which, from above,

Child of sin and sorrow, would bring thee

April 16.

Whose findeth me findeth life.—

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.— Rom. vi. 23.

Come, said Jesus' sacred voice, Come, and make my paths your choice; I will guide you to your home: Weary wanderer, hither come.

April 17.

Ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever. It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover.—Ex. xii. 24, 27.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.—1 Cor. v. 7.

Which of all our friends, to save us, Could or would have shed his blood? But this Saviour died to have us Reconciled in him to God.

April 18.

He hath poured out his soul unto death.—Isa. liii. 12.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.—1 Cor. xv. 3.

Teach me to sing the Saviour's love, Which brought him from his throne above, And made him suffer, bleed, and die For sinful creatures such as I.

April 19.

On that day shall the priest make an atonement for you.—Lev. xvi. 30.

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene.— Mark xvi. 9.

This is the day when Jesus broke
The powers of death and hell;
And shall I still wear Satan's yoke,
And love my sins so well?
April 20.

Thus saith the high and lofty One, ... Idwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.—Isa. lvii. 15.

Be clothed with humility.—1 Pet.

In a modest, humble mind God himself will take delight; But the proud and haughty find They are hateful in his sight.

April 21.

He shall save the humble person.

—Job xxii, 29.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.—James iv. 6.

'Tis humility will last, Fair and sweet, when beauty's past; And the Saviour, from above, Views a humble child with love.

April 22.

Oh, remember that my life is wind.—Job vii. 7.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.—
JAMES iv. 14.

Oh, how fleeting, oh, how fleeting Is our earthly being! Like a mist in autumn weather, Gather'd in an hour together, And as soon dispersed forever.

April 23.

Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields.

—Job v. 10.

He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons —Acrs xiv. 17. God sends upon the earth

The kind refreshing rain;
To heaven, from whence it fell,
It turns not back again,
But waters earth through every pore,
And calls furth all her secret store.

April 24.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.—Ps. ciii. 13.

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.—James v. 11.

The pity of the Lord,

To those that fear his name,
Is such as tender parents feel:

He knows our feeble frame.

Sunday.

April 25.

And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends.—Job xlii. 10.

Pray one for another, that ye may

be healed .- JAMES v. 16.

Teach us, O Lord, to pray aright, Thy grace to us impart, That we in prayer may take delight, And serve thee with the heart.

April 26.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.—Ps. lxxxiv. 10.

That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God.—1 Trm. iii. 15.

When to the house of God we go,
To hear his word and sing his love,
We ought to worship him below
As do the saints in heaven above.

April 27.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep.—Ps. cxix. 176.

Ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.—1 Pet. ii. 25.

The Lord is my Shepherd, my Guardian, my Guide,

Whatever I want he will surely provide; To sheep of his pasture his mercies abound, His care and protection his flock shall sur-

April 28.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.—Ps. xxxiii. 18.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous.—1 Pet. iii. 12.

Among the deepest shades of night Can there be one who sees my way? Yes; God is like a shining light That turns the darkness into day.

April 29.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!—Ps. xxxiv. 8.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.—1 Per. ii. 3.

Oh, come, and with his children taste The blessings of his love, While hope attends the sweet repast Of nobler joys above.

April 30.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.—Job xxiii. 12.

As new-born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.—1 Per. ii. 2.

Holy Bible! book divine! Precious treasure! thou art mine!— Mine to tell me whence I came; Mine to teach me what I am.

May 1.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.—Ps. lv. 22.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.—1 Per. v. 7.

Come, leave thy burden at the cross; Count all thy gains but empty dross; My grace repays all earthly loss:— O needy sinner, come!

May 2.

A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past.— Ps. xc. 4.

One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.—2 Pet. iii. 8.

Eternity, with all its years, Stands present to thy view; To thee there's nothing old appears, And nothing can be new.

May 3.

I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.—Ps. xlii. 4.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.—Heb. x. 25.

I have been there, and still would go: 'Tis like a little heaven below;

Not all that careless sinners say Shall tempt me to forget this day.

May 4.

With us is the Lord our God to help us.—2 Chron. xxxii. 8.

If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. viii. 31.

Oh, do not be discouraged!
For Jesus is your friend;
He will give you grace to conquer,
And keep you to the end.

And keep you to the en-

May 5.

Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?—Jer. iii. 4.

He will guide you into all truth.

—Jони xvi. 13.

Yes, blessed Jesus, we'll come unto thee; Thou our Protector and Saviour shalt be; Guide us, dear Saviour, through life's dreary Soon shall we come to that glorious day [way; When sin and sorrow shall vanish away:— Oh, we will come!

May 6.

And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.—GEN. iii. 13.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—Matt. xxvi. 41.

Sin has a thousand treacherous arts
To practise on the mind:

With flattering looks she tempts our hearts, But leaves a sting behind.

May 7.

The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.—1 Sam. xviii. 1.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.—1 John iv. 7.

Let us love one another: not long may we stay [life's day:
In this brief world of mourning, so short is
Let us love one another as long as we may

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May 8.

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With their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.—EZEK. XXXIII. 31.

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.—1 Jонх iii. 18.

Be you to others kind and true, As you'd have others be to you, And neither do nor say to men Whate'er you would not take again.

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May 9.

Then Moses said unto them, Take you a lamb, and kill the passover.— Ex. xii. 21.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.— John i. 29.

> I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all, and frees us From the accursed load.

May 10.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house.—Ps. xxxvi. 8.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer.—Acts iii. 1.

We to thy sacred house of prayer With gratitude would oft repair, To adore thy name, and seek thy face, And hear the messages of grace.

May 11.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me.—Ps. xxv. 5.

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.— 3 John 4.

Jesus, my Saviour and my Lord, To thee I lift mine eyes; Teach and instruct me by thy word, And make me truly wise.

May 12.

Learn to do well.—Isa. i. 17.

He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.—3 John 11.

The lambs of Jesus,—they are meek,
The words of peace and truth they speak;
To all God's creatures they are kind,
And, like their Lord, of gentle mind.

May 13.

Depart from evil, and do good.— Ps. xxxvii, 27.

Follow not that which is evil, but that which is good.—3 John 11.

The road that many travel Is not the road for me; [not be: It leads to death and sorrow, In it I would But there's a road that leads to God.

"Tis mark'd by Christ's most precious blood:
The passage here is free.—

Oh, that's the road for me!

May 14.

The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. ZECH. xiv.5.

The Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints.—Jude 14.

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, Once for favour'd sinners slain; Thousand, thousand saints, attending, Swell the triumph of his train: Hallelujah!

God appears on earth to reign.

May 15.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven.—Dan. vii. 13.

Behold, he cometh with clouds: and every eye shall see him. Rev.i.7.

Oh, may I then with joy appear Before the Judge's face,

And, with the bless'd assembly there, Sing his redeeming grace.

May 16.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork.—Ps. xix. 1.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen.—Rom. i. 20.

I sing the wisdom that ordain'd The sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.

May 17. Sunday.

Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.—Lev. xix. 30.

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.—Rev. i. 10.

This is the day of holy rest,

The Sabbath day which thou hast blest; Oh, may we all thy will obey,

And holy keep the Sabbath day.

May 18.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: ...thou makest it soft with showers.—Ps. lxv. 9, 10.

When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.— LUKE xii. 54.

He sends his showers of blessing down, To cheer the plain below;

He makes the grass the mountains crown, And corn in valleys grow.

May 19.

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.—Gen. ix. 13.

And there was a rainbow round about the throne.—Rev. iv. 3.

He bids his gales the fields deform; Then, when his thunders cease, He paints his rainbow on the storm, And lulls the winds to peace.

May 20.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.—Isa. i. 18.

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.—Rev. vii. 14.

Now, for thy tender mercy's sake, Forgive my past delay, And in thine own redeeming blood Wash all my sins away.

May 21.

The voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her.—Isa. lxv. 19.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.—Rev. vii. 17.

There sin is known no more, Nor tears, nor want, nor care; There good and happy beings dwell, And all are holy there.

May 22.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.—Ps. cxlv. 17.

They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.—Rev. iv. 8.

Our Father in heaven, We hallow thy name! May thy kingdom holy On earth be the same!

May 23.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.—Ps. cxli. 3.

The tongue can no man tame.—
James iii. 8.

I want to be like Jesus, So lowly and so meek; For no one mark'd an angry word That ever heard him speak.

May 24.

I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.—Ps. xxvii. 6.

Children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David.—Matt. xxi. 15.

Hosannas were by children sung When Jesus was on earth; Then surely we are not too young To sound his praises forth.

May 25.

Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.—Dan. xii. 1.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life.—Rev. iii. 5.

In thy fair book of life divine, Great God, inscribe my name; There let it bear some humble place Beneath my Lord the Lamb.

May 26.

The Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords.—Deut. x. 17.

The Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings.—Rev. xvii. 14.

All hail the Saviour, Prince of Peace! Let saints before him fall; Let sinners seek his pardoning grace, And crown him Lord of all.

May 27.

In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and passaway.—Jobxxxiv. 20.

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments.—Rev. xvi. 15.

Help me to watch and pray, And on thyself rely; Assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

May 28.

With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.—Isa. xii. 3.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.—Rev. xxi. 6.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day, And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

May 29.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants.—Ps. xxxiv. 22.

Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ.—I PET. i. 18, 19.

I bring my guilt to Jesus,
To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious,
Till not a spot remains.

May 30.

Ask for the old paths, ... and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.—Jer. vi. 16.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls.—MATT. xi. 29.

Rest for my soul I long to find, Saviour of all, if mine thou art; Give me thy meek and lowly mind, And stamp thine image on my heart.

May 31.

Be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools.—Eccl. v. 1.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.—John iv. 24.

We dare not trifle now; In silent awe we bow: Check every wandering thought, And let us all be taught To serve thee as we ought On this thy holy day.

June 1.

Thou hast made summer.—Ps. lxxiv. 17.

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?

—John iv. 35.

The flowery spring, at thy command, Embalms the air and paints the land; The summer rays with vigour shine, To raise the corn and cheer the vine.

June 2.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted.—Isa. liii. 7.

Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well.—John iv. 6.

We love to sing of Jesus, Who wept our path along; We love to sing of Jesus, The tempted and the strong

June 3.

The Lord God is a sun.—Ps. lxxxiv. 11.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light.—Rev. xxii. 5.

There's the city to which I journey; My Redeemer, my Redeemer is its light; There the glory is ever shining:

I am longing, I am longing for the sight.

June 4.

And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick.—Isa, xxxiii. 24.

Neither shall there be any more pain.—Rev. xxi. 4.

Pain and sickness ne'er shall enter, Grief nor woe my lot shall share, But in that celestial centre I a crown of life shall wear.

June 5.

Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him.—Isa. lxii. 11.

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me.—Rev. xxii. 12.

Soon our Saviour will return
Triumphant in the skies:
Yet a season, and, you know,
Happy entrance will be given,
All our sorrows left below,
And earth exchanged for heaven.

June 6.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.—Isa. ii. 5.

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John viii. 12.

Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

June 7.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. GEN. ii. 3.

The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.—MARK ii, 27.

Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns So sweet a rest to wearied minds, Draws us away from earth to heaven, And gives this day the food of seven.

June 8.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.—Gen. ii. 7.

The first man is of the earth, earthy.—1 Con. xv. 47.

I am the creature of the Lord, He made me by his powerful word; This body, in each curious part, Was form'd by his unerring art.

June 9.

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.—GEN. iii. 19.

As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.— 1 Con. xv. 22.

My body is of little worth,
'Twould soon be mingled with the earth;
For we were made of clay, and must
Again, at death, return to dust.

June 10.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

—Ps. cxxx. 3.

All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—Rom. iii. 23.

Lord, I would come to thee, A sinner all defiled; Oh, take the stain of guilt away, And own me as thy child!

June 11.

There is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.—Ps. cxxx. 4.

Forgive us our sins.—Luke xi. 4.

For Christ's sake, O God, forgive us! Guide us to that happy home Where the Saviour will receive us, And where sin can never come!

June 12.

And Enoch walked with God .--GEN. v. 24.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him .- JOHN xiv. 23.

Let the sweet hope that thou art mine My life and death attend: Thy presence through my journey shine. And crown my journey's end.

June 13.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me. Ps. xxiii. 4.

Lo. I am with you alway .-MATT. XXVIII. 20.

And art thou my Father above? Will Jesus abide in my heart? Oh, bind me so fast with thy love That I never from thee shall depart!

June 14.

A day in thy courts is better than a thousand.—Ps. lxxxiv. 10.

And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.—Acts xiii. 44,

Jesus, we love to meet
On this thy holy day
To worship round thy seat
On this thy holy day:
Thou tender, heavenly Friend,
To thee our prayers ascend:
O'er our young spirits bend.

June 15.

God will provide.—Gen. xxii. 8. Be careful for nothing.—Phil. iv. 6.

Though dark be my way,
Since he is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey,
'Tis his to provide;
His way was much rougher
And darker than mine:
Did Jesus thus suffer?
And shall I repine?

June 16.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Prov. iii. 6.

The Lord direct your hearts.—2 THESS. iii. 5.

O Jesus, delight of my soul! My Saviour, my Shepherd divine,

I yield to thy blessed control, My body and spirit are thine.

June 17.

And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand.

—Gen. xxiv. 33.

My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

—John iv. 34

Father, guide our steps aright In the way that Jesus trod; May it be our great delight To obey thy will, O God!

June 18.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.—Isa. Ixv. 24.

For every one that asketh receiveth.—Luke xi. 10.

Lord, teach a sinful child to pray, And then accept my prayer; For thou canst hear the words I say, For thou art everywhere.

June 19.

Who healeth all thy diseases.—

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matt. viii. 17.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, More than all in thee I find; Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.

June 20.

Fear not, for I am with thee.— GEN. xxvi. 24.

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—LUKE xii. 32.

Shout, ye little flock, and blest; You on Jesus' throne shall rest; There your seat is now prepared, There your kingdom and reward.

June 21.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—Ps. c. 4.

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple.—Acrs iii. 8.

Children of the heavenly King, As ye journey, sweetly sing; Sing your Saviour's worthy praise, Glorious in his works and ways.

June 22.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.—Ps. cii. 17.

Ask, and ye shall receive.—John xvi. 24.

Jesus, the condescending King, Is pleased to hear when children sing, And, while our feeble voices rise, Will not the humble prayer despise.

June 23.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Ps. xxxiv. 7.

And, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.—Matt. iv. 11.

God's angels come from heaven on high To keep me safe from harm, To guard my head from danger nigh,

My bosom from alarm.

June 24.

A gift in secret pacifieth anger.—Prov. xxi. 14.

Be reconciled to thy brother.— MATT. v. 24.

We're all children of one Father,— The great God who reigns above; Shall we quarrel? No: much rather Would we be like him,—all love.

June 25.

His brethren envied him.—Gen. xxxvii. 11.

Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.—
James iii. 16.

We must be content and quiet, Our appointed station in; Oh, to envy or to covet Others' good is grievous sin.

June 26.

The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man.—Gen. xxxix. 2.

God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions.—Acrs vii. 9, 10.

The feeblest lamb amidst the flock Shall be its Shepherd's care; While folded in the Saviour's arms We're safe from every snare.

June 27.

How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?
—Gen. xxxix. 9.

He that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done. —Col. iii. 25.

When every eye around me sleeps, May I not sin without control? No; for a constant watch he keeps On every thought of every soul.

June 28.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. -Ps. cxvi. 18.

He went into the temple of the Lord.-Luke i. 9.

Delightful Sabbaths, when we meet Our pleasant lessons to repeat! Dear Saviour, fit our souls to rise To that long Sabbath in the skies!

June 29.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him .- DAN. ix. 9.

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do .- LUKE xxiii. 34.

Oh, keep us, Lord, from every sin Which we can see and feel within; And what we neither feel nor see Forgive, for all is known to thee.

June 30.

And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed.—Ex. xvii. 11.

I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands. —1 Tim. ii. 8.

Teach us to find our bliss
In earnest, fervent prayer;
For where we pray our Saviour is,
And bliss is only there.

July 1.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.—Ps. lxvi. 18.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss.—James iv. 3.

I may as well kneel down And worship gods of stone, As offer to the living God A prayer of words alone.

July 2.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him. —Isa. lv. 7.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness.—Acrs viii. 22.

Lord, make us now sincere
To watch as well as pray;
However small, however dear,
Take all our sins away.

July 3.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.—Ps. ciii. 10.

And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.—Luke vii. 48.

Just as I am,—thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, Because thy promise I believe,—

O Lamb of God, I come!

July 4.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.—Ps. xxxiv. 15.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.—MARK xi.24.

But God is present everywhere,

And watches all our thoughts and ways; He sees who humbly join in prayer, And blesses those who ask in faith.

July 5.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.—Ps. lxv. 4.

And he entered again into the synagogue.—MARK iii. 1.

To-day, with pleasure, Christians meet To pray and hear thy word; And I would go with cheerful feet

To learn thy will, O Lord.

July 6.

And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians.

—Ex. xi. 3.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.—Luke ii. 52.

As in age and strength he grew, Heavenly wisdom fill'd his breast; Crowds attentive round him drew, Wondering at their infant guest; And it was his lot to gain

Favour both with God and man.

July 7.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man.—Ps. civ. 14.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.—MATT. vi. 28.

When the spring is wreathing Flowers rich and rare, On each leaf is written,

"Nature's God is there."

July 8.

He remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people.—Ps. cv. 42, 43.

My words shall not pass away.—
MATT. xxiv. 35.

His throne shall endure, His promise is sure, In him shall the righteous have peace.

July 9.

He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.—Ps. cvii. 9.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.—MATT. v. 6.

I know that my Redeemer lives: What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives my hungry soul to feed,— He lives to help in time of need.

July 10.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life.—Prov. xi. 30.

Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit.—MATT. vii. 17.

Have I a single good desire?
Then must I freely own
'Twas God who did that wish inspire,—
It came from him alone,

July 11.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.—Ps. xxv. 9.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.—MATT. v. 5.

He that is meek and lowly
The Saviour's face shall see;
To none but to the holy
Heaven's gates shall open'd be.

July 12.

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein.—Lev. xxiii. 3.

And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.—Luke xiii. 10.

The Sabbath is the day of rest From earthly toil and care, The holy day that God hath bless'd.

The time for praise and prayer.

July 13.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Ex. xx. 3.

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

—MATT, iv. 10.

Come, worship at his throne, Come, bow before the Lord: We are his work, and not our own, He form'd us by his word.

July 14.

Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.—Ex. xxii. 22.

Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction.—James i. 27.

Oh, may our sympathizing breasts
The generous pleasure know
Kindly to share in others' joys
And weep for others' woe!

July 15.

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil.—Ex. xxiii. 2.

Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.—MATT. vii. 13.

Oh, shun the crowded gate,
Though wide it seem, and fair!
'Twill bring you, soon or late,
To anguish and despair.

July 16.

Your heart shall live that seek God.—Ps. lxix. 32.

Seek ye the kingdom of God.— LUKE XII. 31.

> Seek God's face without delay, Give him now your heart; Tarry not, but, while ye may, Choose the better part.

July 17.

I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.—Ex. xxix. 45.

Abide in me, and I in you.—
John xv. 4.

Now to thee, O Lord, we come, In our morning's early bloom; Breathe on us thy grace divine, Touch our hearts, and make them thine.

July 18.

None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.—Ps. xlix. 7.

There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.—1 Tim. ii. 5.

Thou blest Redeemer, dying Lamb, We love to hear of thee; No music like thy charming name, Nor half so dear can be.

July 19.

Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you.

—Ex. xxxi. 13.

And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught.—Luke vi. 6.

In his heavenly Father's house Jesus spent his early days; There he paid his solemn yows.

There proclaim'd his Father's praise.

July 20.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.—Ps. cxlvii. 3.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.—LUKE iv. 18.

Christ came the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of his grace Enrich the humble poor.

July 21.

Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. —Jer. iii. 22.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.—Luke v. 32.

Hear, O sinner! mercy hails you: Now with sweetest voice she calls; Bids you haste to seek the Saviour Ere the hand of justice falls.

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July 22.

Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.—Ps. lxxxi. 10.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

—Joun xv. 7.

Depend on him,—thou canst not fail; Make all thy wants and wishes known; Fear not: his merits must prevail; Ask but in faith, it shall be done.

July 23.

Thou art my trust from my youth. Cast me not off in the time of old age.—Ps. lxxi. 5. 9.

Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.—John xiii. 1.

Lord, may we remember thee While from pain and sorrows free, Then, when night and age appear, Thou wilt chase each doubt and fear. July 24.

With thee is the fountain of life.

—Ps. xxxvi. 9.

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.—John iv. 14.

Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners ruin'd by the fall; Here a pure and healing fountain Flows to you, to me, to all: Health this fountain will restore, He that drinks shall thirst no more.

July 25.

In thy light shall we see light.— Ps. xxxvi. 9.

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.—
John xii. 46.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth His unchanging goodness proves; From the mist his brightness streameth: God is light, and God is love.

July 26.

Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you.—Ex. xxxi. 14.

Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days?—LUKE vi. 2.

Oh, may we never trifle so,
Nor lose the days our God has given,
But learn, by Sabbaths here below,
To spend eternity in heaven.

July 27.

Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.—Prov. xvi. 24.

Let your speech be always with grace.—Col. iv. 6.

Speak gently! 'tis a little thing Dropp'd in the heart's deep well; The good, the joy, which it may bring, Eternity shall tell.

July 28.

The Lord will give strength unto his people.—Ps. xxix. 11.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—Eph. vi. 10.

Be our strength, for we are weakness; Be our wisdom and our guide; May we walk, in love and meekness, Nearer to our Saviour's side!

July 29.

It is God that girdeth me with strength.—Ps. xviii. 32.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth.—EPH. vi. 14.

Oh, give me power to conquer sin!
With grace my soul defend;
And that good work in me begin
Which shall in glory end.

July 30.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation .- Ps. xviii. 35.

Above all, taking the shield of faith, whereby ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. - EPH. vi. 16.

> Faith is a precious grace Where'er it is bestow'd: It boasts of a celestial birth, And is the gift of God.

July 31.

Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight .- Ps. cxliv. 1.

Put on the whole armour of God. -Ерн. vi. 11.

Fight on, ye little soldiers, The battle you shall win. For the Saviour is your Captain. And he hath vanquish'd sin.

August 1.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.—Ps. xvii.5.

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.— EPH. vi. 15.

Oh, may I never faint nor tire, Nor, wandering, leave his sacred ways! Great God, accept my soul's desire, And give me strength to live thy praise.

August 2.

Every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, ... even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer.—Isa. lvi. 6, 7.

And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath.—Acrs xviii. 4.

Welcome, welcome, day of rest, With thy influence all divine! May thy hallow'd hours be blest To this feeble heart of mine!

August 3.

Ye are strangers and sojourners with me.—Lev. xxv. 23.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.—1 Pet. i. 17.

> I'm but a pilgrim here, Heaven is my home; Earth is a desert drear, Heaven is my home.

August 4.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind.—Lev. xix. 14.

But judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.—Rom. xiv. 13.

When the most helpless sons of gr.ef In low distress are laid, Soft be our hearts their pains to feel, And swift our hands to aid.

August 5.

Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people.— Lev. xix. 16.

And withal they learn to be idle, . . . and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.—1 Tim. v. 13.

The one who minds religion now, And humbly walks with God below, Permits no slanders on his tongue, And hates to do his neighbour wrong.

August 6.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart.—Lev. xix. 17.

He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness.

—1 John ii, 11.

Tender and kind be all our thoughts, Through all our lives let mercy run, So God forgives our numerous faults For the dear sake of Christ his Son.

August 7.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people.—Lev. xix. 18.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath.—Rom. xii. 19.

The Saviour answer'd not again, Nor spoke an angry word, To all the scoffs of wicked men, Although he was their Lord.

August 8

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man.—Lev. xix. 32.

Rebuke not an elder, but entreat him as a father.—1 Tim. v. 1.

Speak gently to the aged one; Grieve not the care-worn heart; The sands of life are nearly run: Let such in peace depart.

August 9.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.—Ps. exxxiv. 2.

And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.—Acts xvii. 2.

Come, ye children, and adore him; Lord of all, he reigns above; Come, and worship now before him,— He hath call'd you by his love.

August 10.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous.

—Ps. xcvii. 12.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.—Phil. iv. 4.

Rejoice in the Lord, Believe in his word, Confide in his mercy and grace.

August 11.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.—Ps. cxxxix. 3.

The Lord is at hand.—PHIL. iv. 5.

Within thy circling power I stand, On every side I find thy hand; Awake, asleep, at home, abroad, I am surrounded still with God.

August 12.

If thy brother be waxen poor, then thou shalt relieve him.—Lev. xxv. 35.

But whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?—I John iii. 17.

Speak gently, kindly, to the poor; Let no harsh tone be heard: They have enough they must endure, Without an unkind word.

August 13.

Buy the truth, and sell it not.— Prov. xxiii. 23.

The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.—Matt. xiii. 44.

Go, seek for thine adorning
The precious pearl of truth;
Sell all thou hast, and buy it:
'Tis worth all earthly things.

August 14.

Every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death.—Lev. xx. 9.

He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.—MATT. xv. 4.
Oh. 'tis a grievous sin and shame

Oh, 'tis a grievous sin and shame
Our parents' word to disobey,
And bring dishonour on their name
Whose kindness we can ne'er repay.

August 15.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered.—Joel ii. 32.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Rom.x.13.

Woe to him who turns away!
Jesus kindly calls to-day:
Come, O children, while you may,
Raise your souls in prayer!

August 16.

Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.—Ex. xxxiv. 21.

There are six days in which men ought to work: ... not on the Sabbath day.—Luke xiii. 14.

"Remember thou the Sabbath day!"
Oh, could we see in memory's light
Our Sabbath sins in full array,
How we would tremble at the sight!

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August 17.

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.—Nahumi. 7.

The Lord knoweth them that are his.—2 TIM. ii. 19.

Our Saviour, ever good and kind,
To us his word hath given,
That children such as we may find
A certain path to heaven.

August 18.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. xvi. 7.

Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men.—Acrs i. 24.

Oh, wondrous knowledge, deep and high!
Where can a creature hide?
Within thy circling arms I lie
Beset on every side.

August 19.

Obey my voice, and I will be your God.—Jer. vii. 23.

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.—MATT. xix. 17.

Make me to walk in thy commands,—
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my head, nor heart, nor hands
Offend against my God.

August 20.

The Lord was ready to save me.

—Isa. xxxviii. 20.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.—MATT. xviii. 11.

He left his starry crown,

And laid his robes aside, On wings of love came down, And wept, and bled, and died: What he endured, oh, who can tell, To save our souls from death and hell?

August 21.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.—Num. vi. 24.

God having raised up his Son Jesus sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.—Acrs iii. 26.

To each thy blessing give, Thy saving grace bestow,

That we may serve thee while we live, And all thy mercy know.

August 22.

The Lord make his face shine upon thee.—Num. vi. 25.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts.—2 Cor. iv. 6.

Oh, shine on this benighted heart, With beams of mercy shine, And let thy healing voice impart A ray of hope divine.

August 23.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.—Ps. exxii, 1.

They assembled themselves with the church.—Acrs xi. 26.

Lord, how delightful 'tis to see A whole assembly worship thee! At once they sing, at once they pray, They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

August 24.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life.—Prov. xix. 23.

Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.—1 Tim. iv. 8.

'Tis religion that can give Sweetest pleasure while we live; After death its joys shall be Lasting as eternity.

August 25.

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.—Ps. exix. 133.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body.—Rom. vi. 12.

Conduct my footsteps by thy word, And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

August 26.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.—Ps. exxxviii. 6.

God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.—1 Pet. v. 5.

To do his heavenly Father's will

Was Christ's employment and delight; Humility and holy zeal

Shone through his life supremely bright.

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There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.—Ecc., vii. 20.

For all have sinned.—Rom. iii. 23.

I know I'm weak and sinful; But Jesus will forgive; For many ransom'd sinners Have gone to heaven to live.

August 28.

Come thou with us, and we will do thee good.—Num. x. 29.

And let him that heareth say, Come.—Rev. xxii. 17.

Oh, we love to come to our Sabbath-home!
But we would not come alone; [sin,
We would each bring in, from the paths of
Some wretched, wandering one.

August 29.

And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord.—Num. xi. 1. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured.—I Cor. x. 10.

Since, mighty God, my health and ease And life belong to thee,

I would not murmur though thou please To take them all from me.

August 30.

And some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the Sabbath day.—Neh. xiii. 19.

It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.— JOHN v. 10.

Now, children, to God's house repair, And, with the humble throng, Oh, give your hearts to humble prayer,

Oh, give your hearts to humble prayer And raise the cheerful song!

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August 31.

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.—
Jer. viii. 20.

Now it is high time to awake out of sleep.—Rom. xiii. 11.

Rouse ye at the Saviour's call! Children, rouse ye, one and all! Wake, or soon your souls will fall,— Fall in deep despair!

September 1.

Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes.—Isa. i. 16.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.—Rom. xiii. 12.

Children, you have sinful hearts: Jesus Christ can make you whole; He can cleanse your inward parts, Sanctify and save your soul.

September 2.

Cease to do evil; learn to do well.

—Isa. i. 16, 17.

Let him eschew evil, and do good.

—1 Pet. iii. 11.

Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve,
By doing so no more.

September 3.

Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read.—Isa. xxxiv. 16.

They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily.—Acrs xvii. 11.

My Bible! Oh that I may ne'er Consult it but with faith and prayer! That I may see my Saviour there, Who died for me!

September 4.

All thy commandments are truth.

—Ps. exix. 151.

Thy word is truth.—John xvii.

The Bible! the Bible! blest volume of truth! How sweetly it smiles on the season of youth! It bids me seek early the pearl of great price, Ere the heart is enslaved in the bondage of vice.

September 5.

Blessed are they that keep my ways.—Prov. viii. 32.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.—Luke xi. 28.

Jesus, my Saviour and my Lord, To thee I lift mine eyes; Teach and instruct me by thy word, And make me truly wise.

September 6.

Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.—EZEK. XX. 12.

For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.—MATT. xii. 8.

Day of tidings from the skies, Day of solemn praise and prayer, Day to make the simple wise, Oh, how great thy blessings are!

September 7.

And he bare the sin of many.— Isa. liii. 12.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.—Heb. ix. 28.

He saw our sad condition,
Our guilt and sin and shame;
To save us from perdition
The blessed Jesus came.

September 8.

And made intercession for the transgressors.—Isa, liii, 12.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him.—Heb. vii. 25.

Come in the name of Him
Who all your sorrows bare,
Who ever lives to pardon sin,
And will be sought by prayer.

September 9.

The soul that doeth aught presumptuously, the same reproacheth the Lord.—Num. xv. 30.

If we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.—Heb. x. 26.

My lips with shame my sins confess Against thy law, against thy grace: Lord, should thy judgments grow severe, I am condemn'd, but thou art clear.

September 10.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be.—Deut. xxxiii. 25.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.—2 Cor. xii. 9.

Fear not; I am with thee: oh, be not dismay'd;
For I am thy God, and will still give thee;
FII strengthen thee, help thee, and cause

thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

September 11.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.—Ps. xxv. 2.

Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.—Row. x. 11.

Hither come, for here is found Balm that flows for every wound, Peace that ever shall endure, Rest eternal, sacred, sure.

September 12.

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him.—Deut. xxxiii. 12.

He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.— John xiv. 21.

Oh, may we feel a Saviour's love! To him our souls commend Who left his glorious throne above To be the children's Friend.

September 13.

Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it.—DEUT. v. 12.

And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made.—Acts xvi. 13.

Within thy house we sing and pray, And learn to love the Sabbath-day, That, when on earth our Sabbaths end, A glorious rest in heaven we'll spend.

September 14.

Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

—Ps. xix, 12.

For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood.— REV. v. 9.

'Tis thine to cleanse the heart, To sanctify the soul, To pour fresh life in every part And new-create the whole.

September 15.

Look unto me, and be ye saved.

—Isa. xlv. 22.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John iii. 14, 15.

Little children, look to Jesus!— Look to Jesus!—look and live! Jesus suffer'd death to save you: Freest pardon he will give.

September 16.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Num. xxiii. 10.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.—Rev. xiv. 13.

Children, you may shortly die:
Jesus died your souls to save:
If you to the Saviour fly,
You shall live beyond the grave.
Life eternal he will give:
Look to Jesus!—look and live!

September 17.

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent.—Num. xxiii. 19.

God, that cannot lie.—Titus i. 2.

Firm as his throne his promise stands, And he can well secure What I've committed to his hands Till the decisive hour.

September 18.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.—Deut. vi. 6.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.—Col. iii, 16.

Oh, may this treasure ever be The best of all on earth to me! And still new beauties may I see In this the precious Bible!

September 19.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.—Neh. viii. 10.

Rejoice evermore.—1 Thess. v. 16.

In the rosy light of the morning bright Lift the voice of praise on high; From the lips of youth to the God of truth Let the joyful echoes fly.

September 20.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary.—Ps. lxxvii. 13.

And straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.—MARK i. 21.

Lord, to thy house will I resort,
To taste thy mercies there;
I will frequent thy holy court
And worship in thy fear.

September 21.

Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.—Jen. xxix. 13.

He that seeketh findeth.—MATT. vii. 8.

He will not let me seek in vain; For all who trust his word Shall everlasting life obtain And favour from the Lord.

September 22.

Then shall ye call upon me, ... and I will hearken unto you.—Jer. xxix. 12.

When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret.—MATT. vi. 6.

Come to the mercy-seat, Come to the place of prayer; Come, little children, to His feet In whom we live and are.

September 23.

I know that it shall be well with them that fear God.—Eccl. viii. 12.

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.—Matt. xxv. 34.

For, if true wisdom we possess, Our joys shall never cease; Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

September 24.

Thou art the helper of the fatherless.—Ps. x. 14.

Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of .-- MATT. vi. 8.

I cannot be an orphan, then:
My Father is the Lord of all;
And, though I have no friend in men,
He hears me whensoe'er I call.

September 25.

Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.—Jer. i. 8.

We may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—Heb. xiii. 6.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Saviour and our King Thy hand from every snare and foe Shall great deliverance bring.

September 26.

The Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Deut. xxxi. 6.

He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.—Heb. xiii. 5.

Should friends and kindred near and dear Leave me to want or die,

My God will make my life his care, And all I need supply.

September 27.

Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways.—IsA. ii. 3.

And Jesus went into the temple.
--Mark xi. 15.

The Sunday-school, the house of prayer, With open doors invite;

We meet our kind instructors there, And pleasant is the sight.

September 28.

Know thou the God of thy father.

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.—John xvii. 3.

My son, know thou the Lord, Thy father's God obey; Serve him with all thy heart and soul, And walk in wisdom's way.

September 29.

Serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.—1 CHRON.

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.—Eph. vi. 7.

May I resolve, with all my heart,
With all my powers, to serve the Lord,
Nor from His precepts e'er depart
Whose service is a rich reward!

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September 30.

The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts.—1 Chron. xxviii. 9.

I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts.—REV. ii. 23.

Thine all-surrounding sight surveys My rising and my rest, My public walks, my private ways, And secrets of my breast.

October 1.

Thou renderest to every man according to his work.—Ps. lxii. 12.

I will give unto every one of you according to your works.—Rev. ii. 23.

Yes; every secret of my heart Shall shortly be made known, And I receive my just desert For all that I have done.

October 2.

And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God.—2 CHRON. xiv. 2.

Let him eschew evil, and do good.
—1 Per. iii. 11.

Almighty God, our hearts incline
Thy heavenly voice to hear;
Let all our future days be thine,
Devoted to thy fear.

October 3.

Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.—Prov. xxiii. 21.

This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.—2 THESS. iii. 10.

There's nothing worse than idleness To lead us into sin: "Tis sure to end in wretchedness, In poverty and pain.

October 4.

The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.—Deut. v. 14. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.—MARK ii. 28.

"Remember thou the Sabbath-day,"— God's gracious gift to erring man, To bring us from our wandering way And bless us with redemption's plan.

October 5.

By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.—Prov. xxii. 4.

He shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, ... and in the world to come eternal life.—MARK x. 30.

God has said, Forever blessed
Those who seek me in their youth;
They shall find the path of wisdom
And the narrow way of truth.

October 6.

Whose keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles.—Prov. xxi. 23.

By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.—MATT. xii. 37.

Teach me, then, O Lord, to shun Evil-speaking in my youth; So shall I in after-days Hope to walk with thee in truth

October 7.

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord.—Prov. xvi. 5.

For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—LUKE xiv. 11.

God scorns not humble things:
Here, though the proud despise,
The children of the King of kings
Are training for the skies.

October 8.

The Lord giveth wisdom. - Prov. ii. 6.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.—James i. 5.

Go, seek thy great Creator; Learn early to be wise; Go, place upon the altar A morning sacrifice.

October 9.

Be not wise in thine own eyes.—Prov. iii. 7.

Be not wise in your own conceits.

Rom. xii. 16.

Man's wisdom is to seek His strength in God alone; And e'en an angel would be weak Who trusted in his own.

October 10.

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth .- Prov. xxiv. 17.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies .- MATT. v. 44.

Love ve your enemies, and pray For those who curse you to your face, And do to all men still the same That you would hope or wish from them.

October 11.

Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them. -JER. XXVI. 2.

And taught them on the Sabbath days .- Luke iv. 31.

To-day we hear the Saviour's voice: There is no love like his:

Oh, may we make that love our choice And follow him to bliss!

October 12.

Be sure your sin will find you out.

Num. xxxii, 23.

For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.—Luke xii. 2.

Every disobedient word, False or cross, in heaven is heard; Though no human eye can see, God my Saviour looks at me.

October 13.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord.—Jer. xxiii. 24.

He knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man; for he knew what was in man.—John ii. 24. 25.

Lord, thou hast search'd and seen me through; Thine eye commands, with piercing view, My rising and my resting hours,

My heart and flesh, with all their powers.

October 14.

I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

—Jer. xxxi. 34.

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.—Heb. x. 16.

Now, for thy tender mercy's sake, Forgive my past delay, And in thine own rodeeming blood Wash all my sins away.

October 15.

I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me.—Jer. xxxiii. 8.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgive-

ness of sins .- Col. i. 14.

The way is plain to those
Who will repent of sin:
The blood that freely flows
Can cleanse each guilty stain.

October 16.

I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.—Jer. xxx. 17.

They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

—LUKE v. 31.

I deliver'd thee when bound, And when wounded heal'd thy wound, Found thee wandering, set thee right, Turn'd thy darkness into light.

October 17.

Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord.—Jer. xxxviii. 20.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. vii. 21.

Art thou my Father? let me be A meek, obedient child to thee, And try, in word and deed and thought, To serve and please thee as I ought.

October 18.

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving.—Ps. evii. 22.

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

—LUKE XXIV. 53.

Sweet is the work, my God, my King, To praise thy name, give thanks, and sing, To show thy love by morning light, And talk of all thy truth at night.

October 19.

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom.—Job xxviii. 28.

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits.—James iii. 17.

How happy is the youth who hears Instruction's warning voice, And who celestial wisdom makes His early, only choice!

October 20.

He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him.—Job xxxiii. 26.

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.—Matt. xxi. 22.

Gracious God! to thee I pray:
Give me grace to pray aright;
Guide and bless me every day,
And defend me every night.

October 21.

Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God.—
1 Kings viii, 61.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matt. v. 48.

Oh that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!

Oh that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!

October 22.

Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee.—2 SAM. vii. 22.

There is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, . . . and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things.—1 Cor. viii. 6.

The Lord is great, the Lord is good;
He feeds us from his store
With earthly and with heavenly food:
We'll praise him evermore.

October 23.

I have sinned against the Lord.— 2 Sam. xii. 13.

God be merciful to me a sinner.— LUKE xviii. 13.

And now, O God, to thee I cry:
Oh, form my soul anew!
The Saviour's cleansing blood apply,
And all my sins subdue.

October 24.

Be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.—Prov. xxiii. 17.

Walking in the fear of the Lord.

-Acts ix. 31.

Let deep repentance, faith, and love Be join'd with godly fear, And all my conversation prove My heart to be sincere.

October 25.

Gather the people together, . . . that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God.—Deut. xxxi. 12.

For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.—Acts xv. 21.

We love to be together
Upon the Sabbath day,
And strive to help each other
Along the heavenly way.

October 26.

The Lord thy God is a merciful God.—Deut. iv. 31.

God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.—Rom. xi. 32.

Oh, may we ever hear thy voice In mercy to us speak! In thee, O Lord, let us rejoice, And thy salvation seek

October 27.

All that the Lord speaketh, that must I do.—Num. xxiii. 26.

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.—James i. 22.

Be thou my teacher and my guide, That what I read may be applied; My danger and my refuge show, And let me thy salvation know.

October 28.

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him.—Ex. xxii. 21.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.— Heb. xiii. 2.

Blest is the man whose heart expands A stranger's woes to feel, And bleeds in pity o'er the wound He wants the power to heal.

October 29.

The works of the Lord are great.

Ps. cxi. 2.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty.—Rev. xv. 3.

Lord, how thy wonders are display'd Where'er I turn my eye,— If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky!

October 30.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion.—Ps. lxxxvi. 15.

So Jesus had compassion on them. —MATT. xx. 34.

His kindness and compassion
To children then were shown
The heirs of his salvation,
He claim'd them for his own.

October 31.

Judge righteously between every man and his brother.—Deut. i. 16.

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.—John vii. 24.

Let party prejudice begone, And love unite our hearts in one; Let all we have and are combine To aid thy glorious cause divine.

November 1.

I will go into thy house with burnt offerings.—Ps. lxvi. 13.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.—MATT, xxi. 14.

In holy duties may the day, In holy pleasures, pass away! How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

November 2.

It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.—Deut. vi. 25.

The man which doeth those things shall live by them.—Rom. x. 5.

How shall the young secure their hearts
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy word the choicest rules imparts

To keep the conscience clean.

November 3.

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God.— DEUT. vii. 9.

The Lord is faithful._2 THESS.iii.3.
This God is the God we adore.

Our faithful, unchangeable Friend,
Whose love is as great as his power
And neither knows measure nor end.

November 4.

Thou shalt keep the commandments, of the Lord thy God.—DEUT. viii. 6.

Whosoever shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. v. 19.

May we receive the word,
And feed thereon and grow,
Go on to seek and know the Lord,
And practise what we know!

November 5.

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God.—Deut. viii. 10.

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. x. 31.

Lord, I would own thy tender care And all thy love to me: The food I eat, the clothes I wear, Are all bestow'd by thee.

November 6.

Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Eccl. xii. 13.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.—MATT. xxii. 37.

Let me love thee more and more, If I love at all, I pray: If I have not loved before, Help me to begin to-day.

November 7.

Love ye therefore the stranger.—

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Matt. xxii. 39.

Love God with all your soul and strength,
With all your heart and mind,
And love your neighbour as yourself:
Be faithful, just, and kind.

November 8.

As for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.—Ps. v. 7.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple.—Luke ii. 27.

Maker of the Sabbath day, Teach us how to praise and pray; Thou this blessed day hast given To prepare our souls for heaven.

November 9.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul.—Deur. xi. 18.

Holding fast the faithful word.— Titus i. 9.

Oh, write upon my memory, Lord, The texts and doctrines of thy word, That I may break thy laws no more, But love thee better than before.

November 10.

When he dieth he shall carry nothing away.—Ps. xlix. 17.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.—1 Tim. vi. 7.

Then let us think of death,
Though we are young and gay;
For God, who gave our life and breath,
Can take them both away.

November 11.

The lip of truth shall be established forever.—Prov. xii, 19.

Lie not one to another.—Col. iii. 9.

Thou hearest all the words I say,
And know'st the thoughts I have within,
And, whether I'm at work or play,
Art sure to see it if I sin.

November 12.

He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly.—Prov. xiv. 17.

As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.—Rom. xii. 18.

Whene'er the angry passions rise
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to
To Jesus let us lift our eyes,— [strife,
Bright pattern of the Christian life,

November 13.

For the transgression of my people was he stricken.—Isa, liii, 8.

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Rom. v. 8.

Which of all our friends, to save us, Could or would have shed his blood? But the Saviour died to have us Reconciled in him to God.

November 14.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.—Ps. iii. 4.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—Luke xviii. 1.

Jesus, who knows full well The heart of every saint, Invites us all our griefs to tell, To pray and never faint.

November 15.

I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.—Ps. xxvii. 6.

And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.— LUKE iv. 15.

On this holy day of gladness
We will join in praises meet,
Every bosom free from sadness,
All with happiness replete.

November 16.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.—Hosea xiv. 4.

We love him, because he first loved us.—1 John iv. 19.

Oh to feel the love of Jesus! Oh to know that from above Still our heavenly Father sees us With an eye of tender love!

November 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God.—Joel ii. 13.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.—1 John ii. 1.

The Saviour loves to see
A broken-hearted one:
He loves that sinners such as we

le loves that sinners such as we Should mourn for what we've done.

November 18.

Thus saith the Lord, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.—Amos v. 4.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.—John vi. 47.

> Children, listen to the Lord, And obey his gracious word; Seek his face with heart and mind, Early seek, and you shall find.

November 19.

Hate the evil, and love the good.

-Amos v. 15.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.—Rom. xii. 9.

Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve,
By doing so no more.

November 20.

Salvation is of the Lord.—Jonan ii. 9.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acrs iv. 12.

Should my tears forever flow, Should my zeal no languor know, This for sin could not atone,— Thou must save, and thou alone.

November 21.

We will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.— MICAH iv. 5.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.—Phil. ii. 5.

Lord, submissive make us go, Gladly leaving all below, Only thou our leader be, And we still will follow thee.

November 22.

My Sabbaths they greatly polluted.—EZEK, xx. 13.

Behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful?

—MARK ii. 24.

Oh, let these earthly Sabbaths, Lord, Be to our lasting welfare blest, The purest comfort here afford, And fit us for eternal rest!

November 23.

Thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.—Deur. xii. 18.

Rejoice in the Lord.—PHIL. iii. 1.

Come, ye who love the Lord, And let your joys be known; Join in a song of sweet accord, And thus surround the throne.

November 24.

Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, . . . when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord thy God.—Deur. xii. 28.

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.—Col. iii. 23.

Oh, be his service all my joy! And may it be my earnest choice To yield to his supreme control And in his kind commands rejoice!

November 25.

Ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy.—Lev. xx. 26.

As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.—I Pet. i. 15.

Thy Holy Spirit, Lord, impart; Impress thy likeness on my heart; Let me obey thy truth in love, Till raised to dwell with thee above.

November 26.

Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death. Jer. xxi. 8.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John iii. 36.

Come now, dear youth, for ruin bound, Obey the gospel's joyful sound! Come, seek the Lord, and you shall prove The joy of Christ's redeeming love.

November 27.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.—Ps. lvi. 3.

And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

—Mark vi. 50.

What sorrows may my steps attend I never can foretell; But, if the Lord will be my friend, I know that all is well.

November 28.

He that keepeth the law, happy is he.—Prov. xxix. 18.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.—John xiii. 17.

Father, let me never covet
Things of vanity and pride;
Teach me truth, and may I love it
More than all the world beside!
Blessed Bible!

May it be my heavenward guide!

November 29.

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest.—Ex. xxiii. 12.

This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the Sabbath day.— JOHN ix. 16.

> To waste the Sabbath hours, Oh, may we never dare, Nor taint with thoughts of our's These sacred days of prayer! November 30.

Now, my son, the Lord be with

thee.—1 CHRON. xxii. 11.

I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.—Acts xx. 32.

May Father, Spirit, Son,
Rule us in peace and love,
And, when on earth thy will is done,
Receive our souls above!

December 1.

Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.—Deur. xv. 7.

Give, and it shall be given unto

you.-Luke vi. 38.

When the poor are unbefriended, When we will not pity lend, Christ accounts himself offended, Who is every creature's friend.

December 2.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.
—DEUT. XVI. 17.

If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.—2 Cor. viii. 12.

Love and kindness we may measure By this simple rule alone:— Do we mind our neighbour's pleasure Just as if it were our own?

December 3.

Thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest.—Deur. xv. 10.

He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity.—Rom. xii. 8.

Wealth, talents, labour, freely give, Spend and be spent that souls may live: What hath your Saviour done for you? And what for him would you not do?

December 4.

Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.—Deur. xviii. 13.

Labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.—Cot. iv. 12.

Oh for a heart in thought renew'd, And full of love divine, Perfect and right, and pure and good,— A copy, Lord, of thine!

December 5.

He shall write him a copy of this law . . . : and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life.—DEUT. xvii. 18, 19.

They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily.—Acrs xvii. 11.

Be thankful, children, that you may Read this good Bible every day; 'Tis God's own word which he has given To show your souls the way to heaven.

December 6.

I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving.—Jonah ii. 9.

The voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day.—Acts xiii. 27.

O thou whom high archangels praise, Whose glory shines with brightest rays, To thee our grateful hymns we tune, For none can sing thy praise too soon.

December 7.

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.—2 CHRON. xvi. 9.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

—2 Tim. ii. 1.

All needful help is thine to give: To thee our souls apply For grace to teach us how to live And make us fit to die.

December 8.

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him.—2 CHRON, xv. 2.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.—James iv. 8.

With humble heart and tongue, My God, to thee I pray;

Oh, bring me now, while I am young, To thee, the living way.

December 9.

Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.—Deur. xxii. 1.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.—Rom. xiii. 8.

Each day upon its heavenward flight Should bear some record, golden, Of gentle words and loving deeds, And helping hands outholden.

December 10.

I know, that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.—Ps. cxl. 12.

Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.—Luke vi. 20.

If I am poor, He can supply Who has my table spread, Who feeds the ravens when they cry, And fills his poor with bread.

December 11.

The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life.—Prov. x. 11.

He that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.—1 Pet. iii. 10.

Past words of sin forgive, Which we to thee confess, And help us that henceforward, Lord, Our tongues may not transgress.

December 12.

With his stripes we are healed.— Isa. liii. 5.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.—1 Pet. ii. 24.

Pardon me, cleanse me, God of grace, And let me holy be, Array'd in thine own holiness, And meet to dwell with thee.

December 13.

Oh come, let us worship and bowdown: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.—Ps. xcv. 6.

And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.— LUKE XXIV. 53.

Come, let us join, with one accord, In hymns around the throne; This is the day our risen Lord Hath made and call'd his own.

December 14.

He shall give his angels charge over thee.—Ps. xci. 11.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.—Matt. xviii. 10.

God's angels come from heaven on high, To keep us safe from harm.

To guard our heads from danger nigh, Our bosoms from alarm.

December 15.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.—Job v. 19.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able.—1 Con. x. 13.

Though ten thousand ills beset thee From without and from within, Jesus says he'll ne'er forget thee, But will save from hell and sin.

December 16.

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.—Ps. xxviii. 6.

Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.—1 John iii. 22.

He bows his gracious ear:
We never plead in vain:
Then let us wait till he appear,
And pray, and pray again.

December 17.

They shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live forever.—Ps. xxii. 26.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. —John vi. 51.

Bread of heaven! on thee I feed; For thy flesh is meat indeed; Ever may my soul be fed With the true and living bread!

December 18.

Serve the Lord with fear.—Ps. ii. 11.

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.—Heb. xii. 28.

Let deep repentance, faith and love Be join'd with godly fear, And all my conversation prove . My heart to be sincere.

December 19.

The Lord shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness. —2 Sam. iii. 39.

I will give unto every one of you according to your works.—Rev.ii.23.

Oh, let me, then, at once apply To Him who did for sinners die, And this shall be my great reward, To dwell forever with the Lord.

December 20.

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord.—Ps. exxxv. 2, 3.

My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer.—MARK xi. 17.

Come, bless the Lord, whose love assigns So sweet a rest for wearied minds, Draws us away from earth to heaven, And gives this day the food of seven. December 21.

All that do unrighteously are an abomination unto the Lord.—Deut. xxv. 16.

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such.—1 THESS. iv. 6.

Oh, can I ever tell a lie,
Or cheat in play, or steal, or fight,
Now that I know the Lord is nigh
And has me always in his sight?

December 22.

Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them.

—Deur. xxvii. 26.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.—GAL. iii. 13.

Thy sins I bore on Calvary's tree, The stripes thy due were laid on me, That peace and pardon might be free: O wretched sinner, come!

December 23.

All these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.—Deut. xxviii. 2.

Whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.—JAMES 1. 25.

So a pleasant path we'll tread, By the hand of Jesus led, Till, from sin and sorrow freed, Our's is happiness indeed.

December 24.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Ps. cxix. 26.

Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Luke xix. 38. When he came, the angels, singing,

Told the shepherds of his birth; Christ, they said, is come: he's bringing Joy and peace to men on earth. December 25.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee.—Zech. ix. 9.

Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke ii. 11.

Christ is born,—the great Anointed; Heaven and earth, his praises sing; Oh, receive whom God appointed For your Prophet, Priest and King!

December 26.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him... With righteousness shall he judge the poor.—Isa. xi. 2, 4.

Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.—Luke ii. 30, 31.

He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

December 27.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth. —Ps. exxxviii. 2.

And it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple.—John x. 22, 23.

Lord, when our lives are finish'd here, And days and Sabbaths shall be o'er, May we, with all we love, appear,

To serve and praise thee evermore!

December 28.

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest.—MICAH ii. 10.

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.—Heb. xiii. 14.

If from sin at once we flee,
Then in heaven our rest shall be;
If we seek redeeming grace,
We shall reach that blissful place.

December 29.

God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing.
—Eccl. xii. 14.

We shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ.—Rom. xiv. 10.

Lord, at thy feet ashamed I lie, Upward I dare not look; Pardon my sins before I die, And blot them from thy book.

December 30.

Hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.—Prov. viii. 32.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.—Rev. iii. 20.

Hark! it is the Saviour calling, In his kindness, "Follow me!" Jesus, keep our feet from falling, Teach us all to follow thee.

December 31.

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul?—Deur. x. 12.

The word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which for the gospel is preached unto you.

Father of mercies, hear
The closing hymn we raise;
To our request bow down thine ear,
And hearken to our praise:
Within our hearts the seed
Of sacred truth is sown;

But, Lord, the blessing that we need Must come from thee alone.

THE END.







